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PATENT  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
AEHLE et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/688,255 )  
Filed: October 16, 2003 )  
For: Generation of Stabilized Proteins )  
by Combinatorial Consensus )  
Mutagenesis )

Amendment and Response to Office Action Mailed November 21, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. Applicants also hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to file the present Response. Applicants also note that the present Response is being filed after the statutory deadline. Thus, a Petition to Revive is also being filed concurrently with the present Response. Applicants inadvertently missed the deadline of May 21, 2007 and are petitioning to file the present Response and restore the pendency of the present application. A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 3.

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None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of Festo<sup>1</sup>. The Remarks begin on page 5 and the Conclusions are on page 8.

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<sup>1</sup> *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).